

IN THE DRAWINGS:

In response to the Examiner's objections to the drawings, Applicants submit herewith a Replacement Drawing Sheet, in order to attend to such objections. Approval of the Replacement Drawing Sheet is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 13, 2005. Claims 1, 9, 10, 14, 15, 23, 24, 38, 39, 37, 38 and 43 to 66 are pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 15 and 29 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The title was objected to as not being descriptive. A new title is submitted herein, the approval of which is hereby courteously solicited.

The drawings were objected to because they allegedly do not include reference numerals mentioned in the specification. Figure 3 has been amended to include the reference numerals #301, #302, #303 and #306 as requested by the Examiner. Furthermore, the specification has been amended to specifically reference the drawing elements denoted by reference numerals #302 and #305. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the drawings are therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 29 to 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 30 to 36 and 39 to 42 were canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 29, 37 and 38 have been amended to indicate that they are directed to a computer-readable medium including instructions. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 23, 25, 26 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,481,353 (Hicks). Claims 2 to 8, 10, 13, 16 to 22, 24 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Hicks and U.S. Patent No. 2003/0103237 (Han).

Turning to specific claim language, amended independent Claim 1 is directed to an information processing apparatus for generating print data to be printed by a printer. The apparatus includes: a setting unit adapted to set a print property specifying a manner in which the print data is to be printed via a printer driver; special-printing-mode specification unit adapted to specify a special printing mode; print property information generator adapted to generate print property information; and a job generator adapted to generate a print job interpretable by a printer, the print job including the print data and the print property information. When the special printing mode is not selected, the print property information generator generates, in accordance with the print property set by the setting unit, first print property information specifying a manner in which printing is performed on a first recording sheet, whereas when the special printing mode is selected, the print property information generator automatically generates, in addition to the first print property information, second print property information specifying a manner in which printing is performed on a second recording sheet, the second print property information being generated in accordance with a print property different from the print property set by the setting unit. The print property information in the print job generated by the job generator is further defined as the information regarding an output format property.

In contrast, Hicks discloses a graphical user interface (GUI) in a printer. Detailed print setting regarding "transparencies", "dividers", "master set" and "handout set(s)" can be realized via the GUI (see Fig. 3) when preparing materials for presentation. However, Hicks fails to disclose that a print property information generator not only generates first print property information but also generates, automatically, second print property information in accordance with a print property different from the print property set by a setting unit in the time where a special printing mode is selected. The present invention additionally provides the feature that the

print property information is further defined as the information regarding an output format property.

Furthermore, Han discloses printing transparency films for presentation and printing of distribution papers performed with one setting of the printing environment (See Han, Figs. 4 and 5C) by preliminarily registering a setting for printing transparency films (See Han, Fig. 5A) and a setting for printing distribution papers (See Han, Fig. 5B). However, Han fails to disclose that which is lacking in Hicks, namely that a print property information generator not only generates first print property information but also generates, automatically, second print property information in accordance with a print property different from the print property set by a setting unit in the time where a special printing mode is selected.

In addition, Han neither discloses nor suggests that the print property information is further defined as the information regarding an output format property. Finally, Han arguably discloses, at paragraph [0014], that the printing of transparency films and the printing of distribution papers can be performed with one printing command. However, Han neither discloses nor suggests the structure of the print property information generator and the job generator as featured in Claim 1 of the present application.

In light of the deficiencies of Hicks and Han as discussed above, Applicant submits that amended independent Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Amended independent Claims 15 and 29 are directed to a method and a computer-readable medium, respectively, substantially in accordance with the apparatus of Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 15 and 29 are also now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed allowable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the allowability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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